



MAY 2, 2017

SPECIAL CITY ELECTION

Ankeny residents will have the opportunity to vote on two city improvement projects in a Special City Election to be held May 2. The City is asking for approval to issue bonds to help fund a new fire station and a new library. The bonds will also support the repurposing the existing Kirkendall Public Library building into office space for city staff, allowing the city to terminate leased office space.

There will be two questions on the ballot and voters will decide on the projects separately.

"Shall the City of Ankeny, Iowa, issue its bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$2,550,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new station?"

"Shall the City of Ankeny, Iowa, issue its bonds in an amount not exceeding the amount of \$8,500,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new library; and renovating, equipping and furnishing the existing Kirkendall Public Library and associated parking lot?"

TAXES WILL NOT INCREASE IF THESE REFERENDUMS PASS.

Fire Station Project

Build a new fire station to better serve residents on the north side of Ankeny



Service calls to the Ankeny Fire department have increased over 50 percent since 2009 when Fire Station No. 2 was built.



Average response time for Ankeny fire and emergency responders is about five minutes citywide, but the average response time for the Otter Creek area is nearly nine minutes.



A new fire station on the north side will allow the fire department to respond to emergencies more quickly.



The fire station will be funded with \$2.55 million in bond proceeds and \$2.65 million from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund. Total cost for this project is \$5.2 million.



The new fire station will be located on NE 36th Street near the entrance to Otter Creek Golf Course.



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Library Projects

Build a new public library and repurpose the Kirkendall Public Library building

- ➔ The current library cannot meet the needs of the growing community with books, programming or resources.
- ➔ The new library will also house the City Council Chambers. The City plans to maximize its use by allowing the Council Chambers and conference rooms to be used by the public when not in use by the City.
- ➔ These projects will be funded with \$8.5 million of bond proceeds (of which \$3.05 million will be repaid with current lease payments), \$5 million from the Capital Projects Reserve Fund and \$11.5 million from the Civic Trust Fund.
- ➔ The library will not be built if the referendum fails.
- ➔ The Kirkendall Public Library building will be repurposed into office space for City employees who are currently located in leased office space. This allows the City to utilize nearly \$3.05 million previously used for lease payments to pay for the bonds.
- ➔ The new library will be located in The District at Prairie Trail.

Ankeny is the third fastest growing city in America. The population has doubled over the past 15 years.

HOW TO VOTE

-  The Special City Election will take place Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
-  Voting is open to all Ankeny residents.
-  To find your polling place or to request an absentee ballot, visit: www.polkcountyiowa.gov/auditor.

Learn more about these proposed projects at
www.ankenyiowa.gov/bond